

**MEETING WITH COUNTY VILLAGES
LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY-CITY BUILDING
ROOM 113
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2002
10:30 A.M.**

Commissioners Present: Bob Workman, Chair
Bernie Heier, Vice Chair
Kathy Campbell
Larry Hudkins
Ray Stevens

Others Present: Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer
Gwen Thorpe, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Norm Akena, County Assessor
Deb Schorr, District 3 Commissioner-Elect
Darrell Podany, City Council Staff
Bruce Medcalf, County Clerk
Trish Owen, Deputy County Clerk
Ann Taylor, County Clerk's Office

Village Representatives: Charlotte TeBrink, Denton Village Clerk
Paul TenHulzen, Village of Firth
Dennis Heckman, Mayor of Hickman
Nancy Votta, Hickman City Clerk
Ron Melbye, Waverly Mayor
Doug Rix, Waverly City Clerk
Patricia Rule, Bennet Clerk

Bob Workman, County Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM

- 1 COUNTY ADDRESSING PROJECT** - Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer;
Mike DeKalb, Planning Department

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, gave an update on the County's Rural Addressing Project and said Lancaster County would like to enter into interlocal agreements with the villages to allow the County to assign addresses to residences within their one-mile zoning jurisdictions, in accordance with the County's Uniform Rural Address System (Exhibit A).

Mike DeKalb, Planning Department, noted that the addressing is tied into the Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) database to aid with emergency response. He said villages that accept the County's offer to address within their one-mile zoning jurisdiction need to be aware that as they expand or annex, addresses may change from a county to a village index.

Eagan said legislation passed last year permits the County to require building permits on farmstead residences and gives the County a mechanism to assign addresses. He explained that the County had planned to appropriate money through the Keno Fund for rural address posts, but said the item was not included in this year's budget.

Patricia Rule, Bennet Clerk, recommended that the County send notification to rural residents before installing the address posts.

2 INTRODUCTION OF MARVIN KROUT, LINCOLN-LANCASTER COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR; PLANNING ISSUES - Marvin Krout, Planning Director; Mike DeKalb, Planning Department

Bob Workman, County Board Chair, introduced Marvin Krout, the new Planning Director.

Krout said acreages are a priority issue, now that the Lincoln and Lancaster County 2025 Comprehensive Plan has been adopted, and said several studies have been launched.

Ron Melbye, Waverly Mayor, voiced concern regarding an asphalt plant that is located one mile outside of the City of Waverly.

Dennis Heckman, Mayor of Hickman, said he supports "smart growth", utilizing infrastructure, stressing preservation of community rather than rural residential "sprawl". He said growth of the community population base is key to attracting commercial development. Heckman also suggested taking a look at impact fees in the County as a way of supporting infrastructure and services.

3 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION - Darl Naumann, Aide to the Mayor for Economic Development

Darl Naumann, Aide to the Mayor for Economic Development, presented Project by Industry (Exhibit B), detailing prospective economic development projects.

Naumann distributed copies of Community Information on Lincoln, Nebraska (Exhibit C), an information packet provided to prospective businesses with details on human resources, education, taxes and financing, transportation and utilities, and incentives. He explained that businesses looking to locate in the community are interested in demographic information and all the intricacies of locating in a specific site. Naumann said many businesses access this information via the internet and reported on efforts to establish a central database for site selectors to look at using data from the Geographic Information System (GIS) and commercial real estate brokers. He said "This is something that no one else in country right now has."

The cost of implementing the system is estimated at \$30,000 to \$35,000, with an annual cost of \$5,000 for operation. Naumann also distributed copies of other data (transportation routes, potential flood plain issues, area grain storage locations with capacity and area utility locations) provided to a prospective bean processing plant (Exhibit D).

Naumann reported on a rail expansion project for Archer Daniels Midland (ADM) involving a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) loan of \$500,000.

Doug Rix, Waverly City Clerk, asked whether the County has any CDBG re-use funds available.

Bob Workman, County Board Chair, said those funds have been spent down.

Kerry Eagan, Chief Administrative Officer, said the fund will be replenished over time, as loans are repaid.

Bernie Heier, County Board, noted that the Comprehensive Plan allows for some aspect of commercialization in the County.

4 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Doug Rix, Waverly City Clerk, said Waverly is building a new wastewater plant and has approved a new housing development.

Ron Melbye, Waverly Mayor, said water will be an issue for Waverly and the other communities at some point in time. He also asked for assistance in paving Bluff Road to the Camp Creek Threshing property.

Paul TenHulzen, Village of Firth, said the viaduct over Firth Road is key for his village. He also inquired about plans for 96th Street between Firth Road and Panama Road.

Kathy Campbell, County Board, suggested that TenHulzen attend and pose his questions at the public hearing on the One and Six Year Road and Bridge Improvement Program, scheduled for November 12, 2002 at 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte TeBrink, Denton Village Clerk, said her village has concerns regarding zoning issues and building permits and had received a survey regarding working with the City's Building & Safety Department. She also asked whether the County plans to finish West Denton Road, west out of the Village of Denton.

Larry Hudkins, County Board, said the last mile out of Seward County will need to be engineered and graded.

Patricia Rule, Bennet Clerk, said her village also completed the survey from Building & Safety and said zoning, building codes and inspections are key issues for her village.

Hudkins said the County Board has asked Building & Safety to consider doing inspections on a contract basis.

Campbell said the Board will follow-up with Building & Safety on the survey and respond in writing.

Nancy Votta, Hickman City Clerk, said her village is interested in a railroad overpass, noting school traffic.

Dennis Heckman, Mayor of Hickman, said he disagrees with the projected areas of growth in the Comprehensive Plan's, stating there is more growth outside of the incorporated areas. He said this growth puts a burden on village/city residents to provide services and infrastructure.

Concerns were noted regarding the need for new Sheriff's patrol vehicles and law enforcement coverage.

Campbell said the Board had asked the Sheriff's Office to work with the County Assessor on the issue of surplus Sheriff's vehicles, anticipating that addressing the County Assessor's need for vehicles with surplus Sheriff's vehicles would free up funds for two new Sheriff patrol vehicles. She said additional discussion is scheduled with the Sheriff on the October 24, 2002 Staff Meeting agenda and said the Board will send a letter of clarification to the villages and cities following that meeting.

5 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58 p.m., followed by a lunch.

Bruce Medcalf
County Clerk